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(4) Reproductive Medicine Unit identified as a clinical site for the National Cooperative Reproductive Medicine Network, or other sites as designated by the Director.

NICHD intramural laboratory means a laboratory that is supported by the NICHD intramural research program.

Panel means the NICHD Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program Panel.

Participant means an individual whose application to the CIR-LRP has been approved and whose Program contract has been executed by the Secretary.

Qualified educational loans include Government and commercial educational loans, interest and related expenses for—

(1) Undergraduate, graduate, and health professional school tuition expenses;

(2) Other reasonable educational expenses required by the school(s) attended, including fees, books, supplies, educational equipment and materials, and laboratory expenses; and

(3) Reasonable living expenses, including the cost of room and board, transportation and commuting costs, and other reasonable living expenses incurred.

Reasonable educational and living expenses means those educational and living expenses which are equal to or less than the sum of the school's estimated standard student budget for educational and living expenses for the degree program and for the year(s) during which the participant was enrolled in school. If there is no standard budget available from the school or if the participant requests repayment for educational and living expenses which exceed the standard student budget, reasonableness of educational and living expenses incurred must be substantiated by additional contemporaneous documentation, as determined by the Secretary.

Research on infertility or contraceptive development means activities which qualify for participation in the CIR-LRP as determined by the Program Panel.

School means undergraduate, graduate, and health professions schools which are accredited by a body or bod-

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ies recognized for accreditation purposes by the Secretary of Education.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any other officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

Service means the Public Health Service.

State means one of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau).

Withdrawal means an individual's cessation of participation in the Program pursuant to a request by that participant that is implemented by the Secretary prior to the Program making payments on the participant's behalf. A withdrawal is without penalty to the participant and without obligation to the Program.

§ 68c.3 Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply to the CIR-LRP, an individual must be a qualified health or allied health professional who is at the time of application, or will be at the time of inception into the CIR-LRP, engaged in employment/training at an NICHD intramural laboratory or an eligible NICHD-supported extramural site.

§ 68c.4 Who is eligible to participate?

To be eligible to participate in the CIR-LRP, the applicant must have institutional assurance of employment/affiliation with the NICHD intramural laboratory or eligible NICHD-supported extramural site and approval of the CIR-LRP Panel, must meet the criteria specified in § 68c.3, and not be ineligible to participate under § 68c.5.

§ 68c.5 Who is ineligible to participate?

The following individuals are ineligible for CIR-LRP participation:

(a) Persons who are not eligible applicants as specified under § 68c.3;